



MONTEREY NEWS

JULY 1992



TOWN NEWS

A special meeting was held on June 1 at the town offices to investigate an alleged building violation at the Simon residence on Sylvan Road, Lake Garfield. In attendance were Chair of the Board of selectmen, Bill Bohn, Building Inspector Carleton Andersen, and builders Floyd Ryan and Larry Gould.

Selectman Bohn reviewed the procedure the owners had followed in obtaining a septic permit. The system was designed and redesigned by George J. Kulik, P.E. of South Egremont, and the design and redesign were approved by Sanitary Inspector Peter Kolodziej. However, the contractor, T&L Excavating, never received the permit to install the septic system.

Mr. Bohn then reviewed the procedure the owners had followed in obtaining a building permit. The building permit application was prepared by Jim Laffey Development Corporation, and a building permit for a renovation was signed by the Building Inspector on April 23, 1991. In October, 1991, the architect called for the demolition and rebuilding of the house. There

was no application for a revised building permit. If there had been, such a permit would not have been granted, because the rebuilding increased the size of the house beyond the 25% maximum expansion allowed for a nonconforming lot.

The builders claimed that they had shown the revised plans to the Building Inspector, who had approved the demolition and rebuilding. There is, however, no sign of a revised permit to substantiate this claim. Selectman Bohn pointed out that the transfer of the contractor's permit, obtained by Mr. Laffey, to the new builders was illegal.

The Board of Selectmen hired Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates to survey the property. The house was found to be encroaching approximately five feet into the setback area. Additionally, it has been reported that all the houses in its section of Sylvan Road are restricted by deed to 1 1/2 floors. The Simons' house has four floors.

As a result of the findings, the Building Inspector issued a cease and desist order. The Simons have been advised that their building is in violation of the town's



ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

zoning bylaws as follows: invasion of setbacks; building constructed in excess of the 25% expansion limit for a nonconforming lot; building demolished without a permit; house rebuilt without a permit. In order to continue the construction of the house, the Simons must obtain a variance from the Board of Appeals. Based on the reaction that the Simons' Sylvan Road neighbors have expressed to the Selectmen, the issuing of a variance seems unlikely.

Wayne Burkhart of the Solid Waste Committee met with the Selectmen to complete plans for the collection of furniture and bulky waste at the Disposal Area. The collection is scheduled for July 1, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 12. There have been some changes in the recycling guidelines, mainly to allow for the recycling of milk and juice containers. The Board requested that updated recycling information be available for distribution with the new dump stickers. The Selectmen also asked Mr. Burkhart to prepare updated information on the regulations governing the use of the Disposal Area, including the fee schedule, a schedule of fines for violations, and directions for affixing dump stickers (rear window, passenger side).

Glenn Heller asked the Selectmen about the status of a request he had made approximately eighteen months ago to place guardrails at a dangerous curve on Tyringham Road. Mr. Heller said he thought that a previous Board had supported this idea. Selectman Georgiana O'Connell responded that state funding had been sought, but that the D.P.W. had said that the site was beyond their jurisdiction. In addition, the Town Highway Superintendent believed that guardrails were not needed on the curve in question. Priority for guardrail installation has been given to dangerous sites

on River Road and Hupi Road. Selectman Bohn suggested that Mr. Heller obtain more citizen input, perhaps in the form of a petition. Selectman O'Connell said that the matter will be reviewed by the Roads and Machinery Committee. Selectman Peter Brown, Chair of the Roads and Machinery Committee, agreed to make an inspection of the site.

In another matter, Mr. Heller asked the Board why the results of percolation tests are no longer available to the public immediately after they are filed with the town. In contrast with previous policy, the results are not a matter of public record until after a septic permit is issued. Board of Health Chair Georgiana O'Connell responded that she will review the matter with Sanitary Inspector Peter Kolodziej to find out why the policy has changed.

The Selectmen were asked about the future of cable television in Monterey. Selectman Bohn reviewed the sad history: the town went through a two-year process to award a contract for cable installation, only to have the designated company withdraw due to loss of funding. The Cable Television Committee is currently inactive, largely because private companies have shown a lack of interest in bidding on a contract, possibly because Monterey insists that the designated provider make cable service available to the entire town, not just the village center. Sheffield is now in the process of dealing with cable television bidding for the second time, and there is a chance that the outcome in Sheffield will impact positively on Monterey.

The following building permit application was approved: Lewis Scheffey, for the enlarging of an existing room at his Wellman Road house.

— Maggie Leonard

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CHURCH NEWS

For your summertime reading and spiritual edification, I offer the following old story told by Rabbi Herman Schaalman. May it offer you new insight into what it means to be "in tune" and "in step" with the Spirit of God.

Once in a small town, a group of people decided that they would put together a band to play at weddings and bar mitzvahs and such. Anyone who wanted to be a member could try out. Unfortunately, in that town, there lived a fellow named Shlemiel. Now Shlemiel was a simple sort of fellow, the kind of fellow who tries to do right. But everything he tries seems to turn out wrong. Everyone cringed when he tried out for the band. When he played the trumpet, it sounded like somebody was doing something terrible to an elephant. When he played the violin, dogs howled from miles around. Finally, not wanting to tell him he couldn't be in the band, the people let him play the drum. They figured he could do the least damage with the drum. They just didn't know.

They would start playing, and for a time, Shlemiel would keep time with their music. But soon he would get excited. And as he got more excited, he would beat louder and louder and less and less in time with everybody else who was playing. Soon, he was playing to his own rhythm altogether, which completely wrecked the song. They tried their best to correct this, but they never could.

One day they were engaged to play at a very important wedding. The famous rabbi, Israel ben Eliezer, the one who was called the Baal Shem Tov, was going to be there. They wanted everything to be perfect. They told Shlemiel, "You know, you don't really have to play the drum, you could just pretend to play it and not really hit the drum with the drumstick." Well, Shlemiel thought he could try.

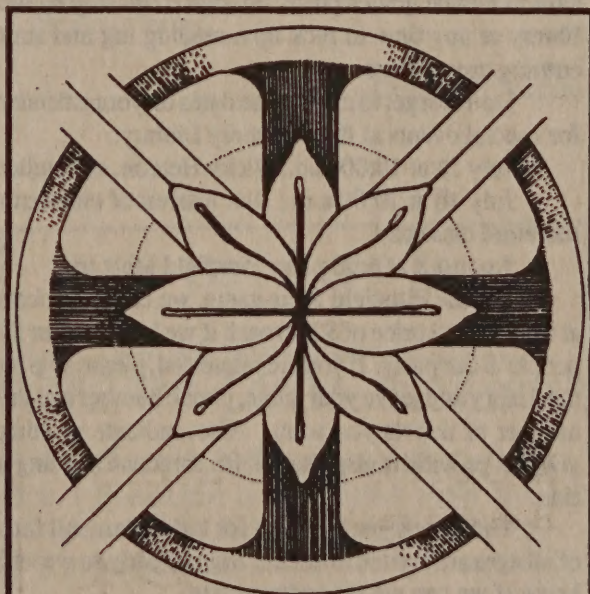
The day of the wedding came. The band took the stage, and there in the crowd sat the important rabbi, Israel ben Eliezer. They began to play.

When they began, Shlemiel did just what he was told to. He didn't even hit the drum with the drumstick.

But he was staring at the famous rabbi, almost entranced by his presence. Little by little, Shlemiel began to hit the drum with the drumstick, at first, in time with everyone else. But then, his drumming became louder and louder and less and less in time with the rest of the musicians, until finally, he once again was completely out of time with everyone else, playing to his own rhythm. And they just had to stop.

They took Shlemiel by the scruff of the neck, dragged him out to where the rabbi sat, and said, "Rabbi, Shlemiel has something to say to you. He wants to apologize." But before Shlemiel could speak a word, the important rabbi, the Baal Shem Tov, said, "While you were playing, your music was so beautiful I was transported. It was as if the heavens opened up above me. And there, sitting around the throne of God were other musicians — a heavenly band — playing the most beautiful music I had ever heard in my life. When I returned to myself and looked at you playing here, I noticed that there was only one musician playing in time with that heavenly band. It was Shlemiel."

— Cliff Aerie



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MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The summer reading program is well underway, with a kick-off appearance by Goo-See the Clown on June 27. However, it's not too late to participate. Children from grades pre-K through 6 can stop by the library at any time to pick up a reading log and start earning great prizes.

Don't forget to mark these dates on your calendar for special events at the Monterey Library:

July 11 at 10:00 a.m.; Nicky Hearon, storyteller

July 18 at 10:00 a.m.; film festival of children's literature classics

August 8 at 6:00 p.m.; Pittsfield Mets trip

For the Pittsfield Mets game, we can get tickets at the reduced price of \$2.50 each if we have at least 50 people in our party. If you are interested, please stop by the library and leave your name, phone number and the number of tickets you want. Also, indicate whether you can provide transportation for someone needing a ride.

This is not just an event for kids. Baseball fans of all ages are invited to attend. Sign up early so we will know if we can get the reduced rate.

Join us at the Monterey Library for a summer full of reading and fun.

— Laurie Shaw

PARK COMMISSION NEWS

The Monterey Town Beach officially opened for the season on June 20. In preparation for the opening, sand was piled high for young hands and shovels to disperse, and ropes were put in place to delineate the swimming area, ending the early season anarchy of float wars, sand fights, dogs and other free-form beach behavior.

The lifeguards will be on duty weekdays from noon-6:00 p.m. and weekends from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Beach passes are required and are available free of charge, one per family, at the town hall on Saturday mornings. Please cooperate by observing these important beach rules:

No pets are allowed on the beach.

Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by an adult.

There are no flotation devices of any kind permitted, and everyone must remain within the ropes.

Take home your trash for proper disposal.

Swimming lessons will be offered for children as young as three years. The dates are July 27-31 and August 3-7. Pick up a form at the General Store or at the beach.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun-in-the-sun-packed summer on our fabulous lake!

— Mick Burns
Tom Rosenthal
Jim Thomas

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Now that summer has officially begun and school children are on vacation, parents may begin to wonder, *what makes children happiest, presence or presents?* Extremely busy parents always want to believe that the way to a child's heart is through the toy store. A survey of 87 college students says otherwise. Asked what made them happiest as children, 89% mentioned simple, spontaneous activities shared with a parent or a friend. A walk with Dad or a casual family picnic was the sort of thing warmly remembered. Parents and pals ties as the most popular comrades for these activities. Only six subjects mentioned more complicated family projects such as vacations as particularly happy times. And 77 of the 87 students cited people as primary sources of their childhood happiness. Sports competition provided the most intense pleasures in most of the other cases. As for presents, 39% of the young people (average age, 20) reported that toys, too, had made them happy, but even then they did not single out the most technologically advanced playthings available at the time. Instead, bicycles were most often recalled, followed by gifts associated with an activity, such as baseball gear. (From *Growing Together*, June 1991, Cornell Cooperative Extension)

During the summer, we have planned some simple, family type activities. Please join us for any or all of them.

July 1: Picnic at Lake Mansfield. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your own.

July 9: CHP Day at the Big Apple Circus. 3:30 p.m. For ticket information, see last month's column, or call Claudette at 528-9311.

July 10: Picnic at York Lake, Sandisfield State Forest. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Parking fee waived. Bring your own.

July 15: Picnic at French Park, North Egremont. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your own.

July 22: Tour the Fish Hatchery in Hartsville. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No charge. Bring your own picnic.

July 23, 29, August 5: Picnic at York Lake, Sandisfield State Forest. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Parking fee waived. Bring your own.

August 6: Trip to Catskill Game Farm. Meet at CHP at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool from there. Admission charges: Adults, \$11; children 4-12, \$7; children under three, free. Amusement rides are six for \$4.50; train rides are \$.85 for adults and \$.50 for children. CHP will purchase crackers to feed the animals. Bring your own picnic lunch. Call if you need a ride.

Playgroup leader training will be held August 18, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Call if you are interested in becoming a playgroup leader.

— Claudette Callahan

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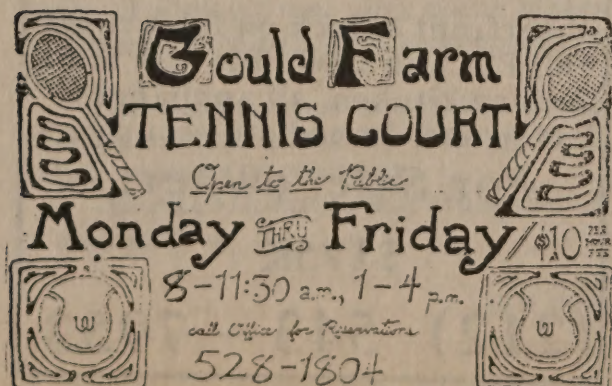
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THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The Bidwell House opened for the season on May 23, and among the visitors during the first weeks were several from abroad, including guests from Japan, England and Israel. Giving a tour to foreign visitors is naturally quite different from guiding Americans, because foreigners' knowledge of mid-eighteenth century life in rural America is usually quite sketchy. However, there are always common denominators. Our Japanese visitors were fascinated by our redware collection, with its similarities to their own pottery, while the English found the house to have many affinities with their own homes of the period. One thing that they all appreciated about visiting Berkshire museums was the friendliness they encountered along the way.

As I settle into my role as Director of The Bidwell House, I look around Monterey and see a community that takes an active pride in its town. I hope to continue that tradition by making The Bidwell House a center of educational activities for townspeople as well as for tourists. I'd like to offer concerts, lectures, special interest tours and workshops for adults and children at the House. In order to initiate such programs, I need volunteers from the community who are willing to help in a variety of ways. We always need tour guides, especially now, as I hope to expand our school tour program. I'm also actively looking for volunteers to help with the gardens. My husband and I are both novice gardeners and need assistance in returning the grounds to their former splendor. Finally, I need volunteers to help me plan and implement new programs for the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please give me a call at 528-6888, or stop by. I want the people of Monterey to feel that The Bidwell House is their community museum!

— Lisa Simpson



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MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Bidwell Park. (If it rains, the meeting will be held at the firehouse pavilion.) First, we'll have a business meeting, with election of officers etc. A pot-luck picnic will follow, with entertainment from Land Trust members Bill Crofut, John Humphrey and (we hope) Anson Olds. For the picnic, we ask that people bring salads, breads and desserts. The Land Trust will provide chicken and delicious, "good for you" sodas. Please come!

You may remember that at our annual meeting in 1989, it was unanimously voted to amend our bylaws to include efforts to promote affordable housing in Monterey. It was felt that if the Land Trust takes land off the market by preserving it, we should also seek ways to aid local people in finding housing.

Since then, we have initiated an affordable housing mortgage loan program. A brief explanation of the program follows, but for more information, I suggest calling Peter Vallianos, our hard-working attorney.

The intention of the program is to create a pool of affordable housing stock in Monterey that will *stay* affordable. For each house in the program, the original mortgage/loan is non-repayable. In the event of resale, the mortgage is rolled over as long as the house is resold to another eligible purchaser. If the house is sold to an ineligible person, the mortgage is paid, and the money is used to buy another house. A participating homeowner enters into an agreement granting a right of first refusal to the Land Trust at a price determined by a formula, and also providing for appreciation-sharing if the property is sold.

The MPLT Board has been meeting regularly on the current affordable housing project, which will close in July. (As this is being written, we are short the required amount and would be most grateful for any tax-deductible donations to help us meet our goal.) That will give us two houses in town.

Until now, we have been able to get by with private donations, but all good things come to an end. If we are going to manage further endeavors, we'll need all kinds of help, financial and otherwise. If you are interested, please call Peter Vallianos at 528-0055, or me, at 528-6785 for further details.

— Joyce Scheffey

Canoe Flotilla on Lake Garfield

Everyone Invited

Saturday, July 11
(raindate July 12)

Meet at the Monterey Town Beach at 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy a guided tour around the lake
with experts telling of the local lore, flora and fauna.
BYO Boat, or we will try to provide space.

R.S.V.P. by July 6

Please register available boats (canoes, rowboats or "Martini Specials")
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Or, we will be in front of the General Store from 9:00 a.m.-noon
on Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5 to take registrations.

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COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Many thanks to Mary Ward and Miriam Weinberg for hosting the June Community Dinner. About fifty people attended.

Our next Community Dinner will be held on July 8, hosted by Marge and Gerry McMahon. The program will feature a report on a recent visit to Cuba by Bernie Kleban, who was part of a team of nineteen American journalists making the trip. Bernie will comment on aspects of Cuban society that we do not often hear about in the U.S. media. Questions and discussion will follow the presentation.

The pot-luck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the talk on Cuba begins at 7:30. Bring a covered dish to share and your place setting if you come for the meal. No food is required if you come at 7:30 for the talk.

ADOPT A ROADSIDE

The *Adopt a Roadside* program announced in last month's issue of the *Monterey News*, has caught on. We have some new volunteers. Susan McAllester will do Route 23 from Mount Hunger Road to the Otis town line, and Jim Laffey will do the upper half on Swann Road.

Mickey Jervas did a yeoman's job on Route 23 from Swann Road to the former Mollé driveway. She collected two trash bags of debris on Route 23 across from the Roadside Store, a big cardboard box left in the middle of the road, and other assorted treasures left by litterers. Thanks again to Mickey for her work, and for suggesting this program. The Board of Selectmen will be glad to hear from other like-minded citizens. Just call the town offices at 528-1443.

OUR TOWN

It's Haying Time!

Lake dwelling, leaf peeping, commuting to work (G.B. or New York), skiing during the winter — our town might be any old resort and bedroom community.

But early summer comes again! The cold ground awakens, and with it that transformation which keeps so many of us living in northern climes. A new creation of texture (tall weeds, blooming shrubs, dense grasses and ferns) where there was recently ice.

And Monterey agriculture rises again from dormant roots. It's amazing how many people in town are real farmers when hay season comes. Part time is better than no time — horses and ruminants are tucked into all corners of the town, and the tenuous patchwork of old fields woven between the second growth forests of Monterey now yield up pasture for summer and hay for year-round animal feed.

Lots of Monterey people participate in continuing this great rural tradition. Some property owners keep their fields open and, instead of only mowing them like gigantic lawns, invite the haymakers to make a cutting of two. These mowins' (a great New England word) are critical to the success of struggling part time farmers who don't have the machinery or time or property to renovate land for the dubious economics of haymaking.

It's during this season that we especially honor those stalwart, long-time makers of hay in our town. Two of them — I call them the deans of farmers in Monterey — are Sheldon Fenn and Marion Thomson. As I mowed a field for Sheldon several weeks ago, my memory went back to formative days in childhood hayfields in Michigan, and to infant sights of slings of loose hay pulled up and into the barn by horse power. The same activities were taking place here on these fields.

Today, the tools are different and noisy, but when you concentrate on the hay and reflect on the land, you find yourself a part of that long and rich tradition of work on the soil and partnership among the species. And when you stop the machinery, there is no place with a bird song melody as rich and liquid as a high meadow on a back road in Monterey.

There are some new wrinkles to enrich the old traditions of haymaking in town. Several land owners have arranged to own cattle and pasture them in summer, with a boarding arrangement with Mike Mielke in winter. Rare breed are re-emerging. Several farmers have belted Galloway and Devon cattle. The newest

hay-eating additions in town are the llamas of the LePrevosts and a Jersey cow at Eric Pedersen's place.

I mentioned the questionable economics of haymaking in town. It's always good to have a standard to go by, and in Monterey, the standard for modern haymaking is still the Tryons. They harvest improved fields and use labor-saving equipment. Perhaps that way, they also glean some financial return.

But regardless of the dollar value of the GTP (gross town product) recorded by the haymakers of Monterey, the tradition is extended and enriched for all of us during June and July. Whether we work in the mowins' ourselves or enjoy from a safer distance, hay time brings a cycle of joy and connection to the passing of our seasons.

— Wayne Burkhart

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met June 3 for election of officers. All officers were reelected, with the exception of Overseer Carl Jespersen, who declined reelection. He was replaced by Richard Hardisty. Richard Trudeau was elected Assistant Steward.

Eight Grange members attended friendship Night at the West Stockbridge Grange. Lecturer Mary Wallace was in charge of the program. Worthy Master are Lecturer attended the Big 3 Pomonas in Pittsfield.

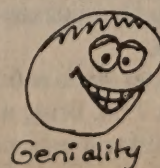
On June 13, Lecturer Mary Wallace attended Columbia County Pomona at Mellenville, New York, where she and Myrtle Mercier were judges for a cake baking contest.

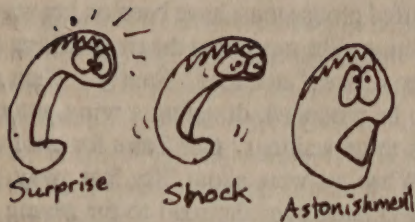
Plans are under way for the annual food sale in August and for the fund raiser later in the year.

The Grange met for a Mystery Ride on June 17, in charge of Harry and Ann Vickerman. After a nice ride in the country, we ended up at Diesel Dan's Truck Stop, where members and friends enjoyed a good meal and fellowship.

The next meeting will be July 15, for a Fourth of July and Safety program.

— Mary Wallace





MONTEREY ROUND TABLE

Once again, discussion at the June 17 meeting centered around *The Monterey Yellow Pages*. We had targeted July as the month to insert our directory in the *Monterey News*. At deadline time, we had 32 listings, which is a very good beginning. But because listings are still coming in, we decided to wait for the August issue.

If you would like to be listed, please fill out the coupon below, or call me at 528-3974 by July 10. Let your friends know about the directory, too. We'd like *The Yellow Pages* to be as comprehensive as possible.

We are asking that people listed in *The Yellow Pages* make a small donation, if possible, to cover the cost of printing the directory and inserting it into the *Monterey News*. With enough funds, we will be able to have extra copies printed for distribution in public places.

Our next meeting will be July 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Lenny Weber's Hayloft Gallery on the corner of Routes 23 and 57. Everyone is welcome — we love to see new faces!

— Angie Sherrard

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MONTEREY YELLOW PAGES

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MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY

Late May and early June were notable for bear sightings: on the front porch of the Kimberley farm; an old, shabby, *big* one on Tyringham Road at the Monterey/Otis line; one on Route 23; a half-grown one on the other Tyringham Road a mile north of the Monterey Town Beach; a regular visitor at the transfer station.

Other mammals: bats, skunks, raccoons (and three dogs) in the compressor at the transfer station over the past few weeks (they all got out, or were helped out, safely!)

Birds: loon on Otis Reservoir, Canada goslings, sandpiper, wren, goldfinch, cormorant (!), Maryland yellowthroat, water thrush, bobwhite, titmouse, vultures, herons, pileated woodpecker, rose-breasted grosbeak, some fifty gulls circling the island at the west end of Lake Garfield on May 23, kingbird, male cowbird courting his reflection in the Amidons' kitchen window, tree swallows.

Amphibians and reptiles: grandfather of all snapping turtles in Lake Garfield, painted turtle, salamander egg masses, frogs heard: peepers, trillers and groaners.

Insects: fireflies, mosquitoes, gnats, black flies (by now pretty well gone), butterflies (exceptional numbers of tiger swallowtails).

Flowering plants, trees and shrubs: (in order of appearance) columbine, bluets, blueberry, sheep laurel, barberry, baneberry, Solomon's seal (true and false), ground blackberry, foam flowers, star flowers, clintonia, goldthread, golden Alexander, cinquefoil, Labrador tea, moose maple, red oak, black birch, pink azalea, hawthorn, horse chestnut, sarsaparilla, swamp saxifrage, yellow clover, hop clover, yellow hawkweed, celandine, chickweed, lady slippers (very few this year), blueflag, wild mustard, ragwort, forget-me-not; yellow iris, hellebore, smooth witheyrod, highbush cranberry, red clover, tall buttercup, May apple, ragged robin, Gill-over-the-ground, yarrow.

Special "critter count" for the last three months from Rosecroft on Beartown Road: one porcupine, two red squirrels, five grey squirrels, a bachelor bunny (still single), one wild turkey, flock of cedar waxwings, two rose-breasted grosbeaks, two housekeeping catbirds, six goldfinches, a mother robin with three eggs in a nest in a hanging basket of geraniums, a ruffed grouse hen. The bird list for Monterey is now up to 47 different species in the last eight years.

The ruffed grouse must have been on her way to an opera audition. She ran across the road, trilling and fluttering her wings, "attacking" Snuffy. Then she pretended to be wounded, dragging a wing, uttering pitiful, death-throe wailings. Our Cairn for once was stupefied! When we were about fifty feet away, she calmly crossed back over the road to the young we presume she was distracting us from. You could hear her clucking and congratulating herself on her spectacular performance. We have never seen anything to match it!

We also have seen a most unusual butterfly — oversize, light yellow. It had some speckles, but each wing had four strong (horizontal) black bars. It might have been four or five inches across. Can anyone tell us what it was? (Alice O. Howell)

Comment from the wildlife census committee: All these reports of recent months are adding up to a natural history of Monterey. An observation written down and approximately dated is a record, and over the months, we get a picture of the wildlife population around us. Please continue to call or write to anyone on the survey committee: Dean Amidon, David McAllester or Bob Volckhausen. For every observation reported here, there are certainly many more we don't know about, all over town!

THE ROADSIDE STORE

BEST BREAKFAST IN THE
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BERKSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Berkshire Humane Society is a new organization that was formed to take over the operation of Berkshire County's *only* animal shelter. The shelter has always been owned and run by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The MSPCA is a private animal welfare organization which receives no government funds. When MSPCA officials decided to withdraw funding from the Berkshire shelter at the end of 1992, they offered to turn the facility over to a new, private local group. The Berkshire Humane Society is that group.

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*One of dozens along the glowing wall
Of the Window Rock formation,
This little box canyon, full of shadows,
Full of sunlight, scooped, swirled,
Out of warm sandstone, by wind, by rain,
To sixty-foot, smooth, hollow walls,
Supports small groves of singing pinyons
Quietly telling of spring air in motion.
A raven adds her bark, and its echo
Briefly swoops by. Pine needles gleam
Above the shadows, and the sun slips
Behind a pinnacle of stone. The raven is back
With a friend, he guttural and she gonging
For the joy of it. Their boat-tails waver in the wind;
Their shadows stroke the sunny side
Of this darkening bowl in a quick glide.
Far away, down the canyon I hear Navajo dogs.
The ravens, four now, answer seriatim, "Awk,
Awk, awk, awk!" High above the cliffs, the 3/4 moon
Is still, and bright as any sunlit sandstone.*

— David P. McAllester



FRAIL MOON

*Frail moon, faint moon
Gold, thin-sliced, hung high above
Black trees
Grey hill, remote and brooding
You hang light-meshed in veils above
This ridge
Shine soft, O delicate drifter in the sky.*

*Dear thought, faint thought
My two hands grasp your star-tipped shape
Slim curve
I hold you close against my heart
And dream. . .*

*Above the old walled town
You mount the heavens, you climb
Til lost in pale green sky
And feathery spray.
Then, as you glance once more my way
Seeing brown sand along the wide curled beach
So you find one dark piece of sorrowing life below
And know — it's I?*

— Sue Moody
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CLOUDS

*I never tire of watching clouds
Flowing with the current
The azure sky could be sea depths,
Gale winds causing ferment.*

*The sun warms my exposed cheek
And I relax and ponder
Why should my heart find repose
Watching clouds up yonder?*

— Nancy Adams



THE DEATH OF A SNAKE

*Straight the long lush grass I cropped
And swath by swath a new lawn made
Then spied the little garter snake
Twisting in the shaven shade
Broken-backed by fatal blade.
How frantically this serpent flopped
But could not one inch of purchase gain.
Neat pity gripped me so I stopped,
Back my snarling metal bore
And he would twist and flop no more.
The rocking mower chewed all pain
To bone & gristle, skin & gore
Lawn bestrewn in a rosy peace
Yet left my heart with small heart's ease.*

*I read much later The Death of a Toad
By the Cummington poet, Richard Wilbur,
Whose poetic genius soars in the sky
While my small gift plods a pointless road.
But he watched the toad die, so in Practical Pity
(known as Mercy, or the-kind-that-counts)
I claim prize from him
Though we both must obeisance make
To the crazy angel, William Blake.*

— Jim Michelman

ANGELS AND THE BUILDING TRADE, AT DUSK

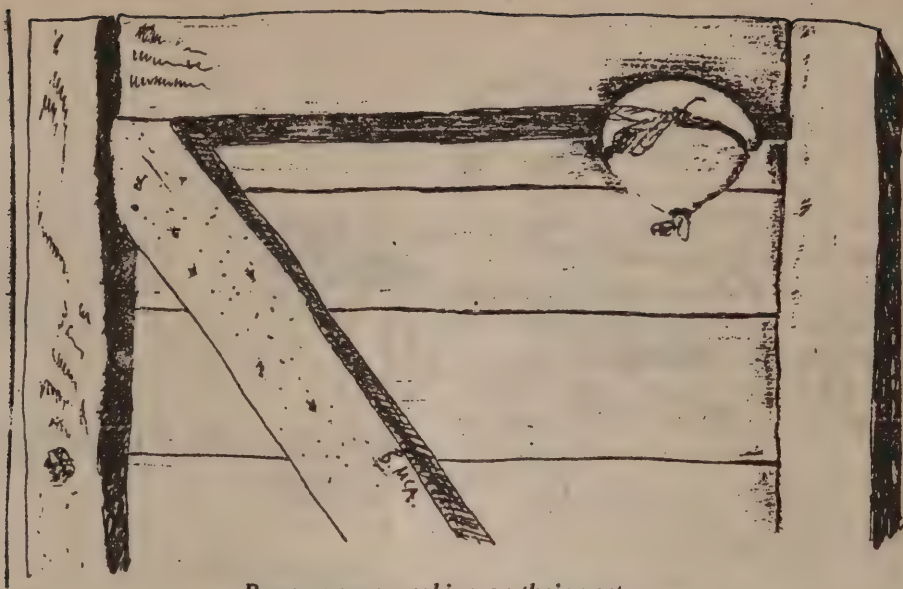
*Two sawed-off pines
beach like whales
before the new foundation.
Hidden only now in memory
or by the grace of cherubim,
the lake
reveals her face to the incipient garage.*

*Below the fetal house they stretch,
still. Too common to be seen,
those white pines mourn: a pair of hunted saw-whet
owls.
Sliced stumps moan, seep scented gore, the
detritus of surgery. Or do they simply sacrifice
to seraphim on wheels?*

*Ray Tryon's truck is tall.
Stretching high as
heaven I cannot grasp
the radiator cap.
Tryon's, too, the screeching
yellow claw that
moves the dirt
delivered by the truck, but
not the whirling chainsaw blade
spun before the
single eye of God,
stilling songs with angel wings
til silence whispers well
above the trees:*

*Pale Apricot moon above the lake,
we celebrate this wider stretch of sky.*

— MKJ



Paper wasps working on their nest

PAPER WASPS AND NIGHT WORK

At this time of year, my work can be divided into two major meteorologically derived categories: fair weather and rainy weather. For the most part, rainy weather work is indoor stuff, though there are sometimes emergency drainage repairs to be made during a downpour. Fair weather work can be further divided this way and that, but one category you might not expect is fair weather night work.

For instance, at night I go scouting along the electric fence line, looking for sparks to tell me which insulators have gone bad and need replacing. I mark them and come back by daylight. Another thing I do by night is remove paper wasp nests.

This is early summer, and the various species of paper nest building wasps are just getting started. If you have one in an inconvenient place, now is the time to wait until night and remove it. Mine is on the tool shed door, and every time I take the lawnmower in or out, bumping it over the sill, the bald-faced hornets get upset.

Bald-faced hornets are the kind of paper wasp I have right now. They make a grey paper nest, above ground, and as their colony gets bigger, they get more and more protective of it. Right now, I think there are only about four females in my nest. They don't have much invested yet, so they are more programmed to build the nest and feed the babies than to drive off dangerous people like me. I can sit nearby and draw their picture. They fly past me, foraging for more nest

material and for meat for the babies, and they don't bother me.

The nest is made of wood fibers, and these worker wasps have to find just the right sort of grey, weathered wood from which to strip off fibers. I have seen them take material from our house, tearing it off with their strong jaws. They make it into a ball and carry it home, where they add a sticky sort of saliva and work it onto the newest edge of the nest.

The workers are sterile females, and their principal jobs just now are nest building and feeding the larvae inside the nest. They bring back insects, mainly soft caterpillars, which they chew up and give to the babies. The queen wasp, who started the nest earlier in the spring, lays all the eggs. She mated last fall, just before crawling into a crack somewhere to hibernate or overwinter. She and other queens like her are the only survivors of last year's colonies.

This year, the colony will keep producing worker females until later in the summer, when a few queens and males will be started. By this time, the nest will be bigger, though the bald-faced hornets don't make as big a nest as do some of the other paper wasps. Some are only the size of a baseball.

I know my wasps are the kind usually called bald-faced hornets, because they are moderately robust and have handsome yellow markings on their faces and abdomens. One of them is a deep, colorful yellow, while the others are quite pale, almost white. Some other common paper wasps are the yellow jackets. They have the same kind of life cycle and foraging

habits as the bald-faced hornets, but they make their nests underground, often in old chipmunk holes. You might never know there is a paper nest in there, except that later in the summer of fall, it may be dug up by a marauding skunk and you can see the interior. The skunk is after the larvae and pupae and tears up the paper racks of cells.

I don't look forward to removing the wasps. I doubt the colony will survive, though I suppose the few individuals I have observed will live out the summer on vacation, with no greater communal need to serve. For a social wasp, to be without community is to be without purpose. If I leave them alone, I'll have the leave the mower out in the rain, or else quit mowing the orchard for the summer. There are a lot of plants and animals in the orchard that would be relieved if i would. I'd be relieved myself.

By the end of the summer, I would have to stop going into the tool shed altogether. The garden would be a jungle of weeds and ecstatic insects of all kinds. There would be no harvest to speak of, so I could spend the fall at my leisure, observing, from a distance, the fascinating social wasps. Then winter would come. The gravid queens would be tucked up in some safe cranny, themselves representing the season's work of their community. As for me, I would look at my weed patch and my empty root cellar and wish I had done my night work after all.

— Bonner J. McAllester


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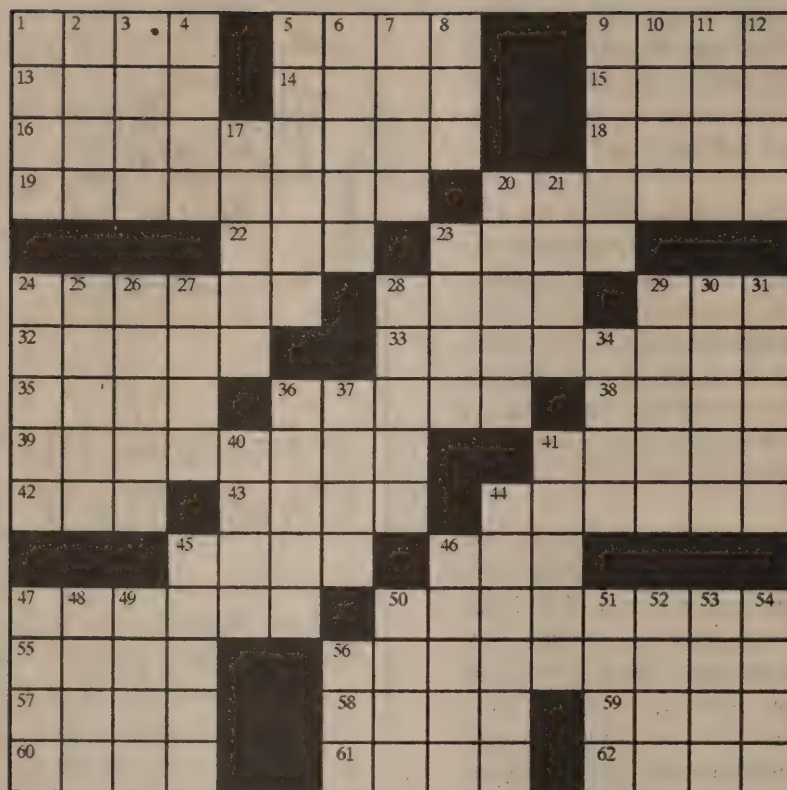
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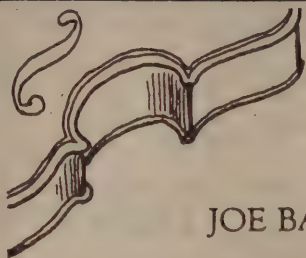
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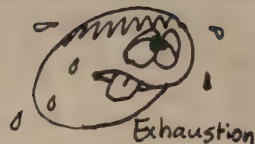
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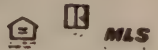
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Gale Forbes, who did it again. The Fire Company tag sale was bigger and better than last year's. Here's to the next one.

— Lillian P. Oislander

To the Editor:

The Brewer Pond Trail has been in existence for about three years. I recently went over the trail and did a little work on it. It's now in good shape for walking.

The trail is well-marked. It takes the walker in a loop around the pond, a little less than a mile in distance. Be prepared for a couple of wet spots, and for some changing scenery as one enters the forest and then comes out upon open areas with wide views of the water and distant hills.

I'd like all residents and visitors to Monterey to know about the Brewer Pond Trail and to feel free to use and enjoy it.

— Robert Rausch

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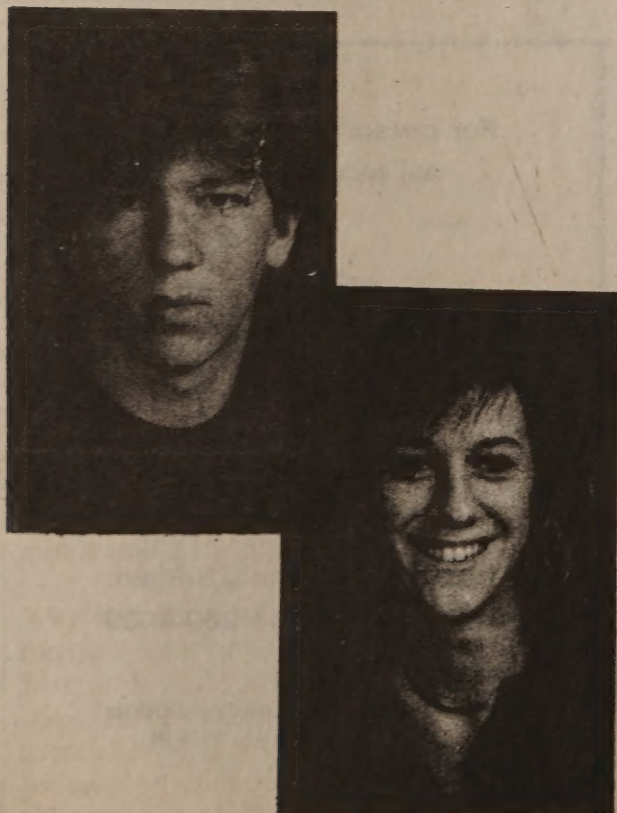
PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Chris and Andrea Chase Dunlop**, whose daughter, **Tess Alexandra**, was born on May 22 in Pittsfield. Tess is Chris and Andi's first child. Best wishes also to thrilled grandparents, **Ed and Gladys Dunlop** of Beartown Road.

And, hearty congratulations to **Michaela Dodyk**, part-time resident of Elephant Rock Road, and **Eric Schulz**, who were married on June 6 in Gold Hill, Colorado. **Phebe Dodyk** was her sister's maid of honor. Eric is a student at the University of Colorado, and Michaela will be starting a Master's program in elementary education at the University this fall. Best wishes to both of you!

Hats off to Monterey's recent college and high school graduates. **Alyssa "Lisa" Gelbard**, daughter of **Estelle and Paul Gelbard** of White Plains, New York and Lake Garfield, graduated from Tufts University, where she was on the dean's list for her last two semesters.

Jill Amstead and Kenneth Pratt, both pictured here, graduated from Mount Everett Regional High School on June 13 at ceremonies held at Tanglewood.



Olivia "Livy" Underwood Williams, daughter of **Matt Williams** of Route 57 and **Olivia Smith Williams** of Easton, Maryland, graduated from Berkshire School in Sheffield on May 29. Livy will begin studies in the fall at George Washington University, Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, in Washington, D.C. Best of luck, Livy!

Welcome back to **Nancy Kalodner**, who spent a week in England in early June visiting her son, **Joel**. A student at Haverford College, Joel spent his junior year studying at Oxford University, Lady Margaret Hall College. He will be returning to Monterey soon.

Kudos to **Christopher Burkhart** and **Allison Delmolino**, juniors at Mount Everett, who were selected to attend Boys State and Girls State. Christopher was one of eight juniors from Mount Everett to attend the Boys State program at Bentley College in Waltham on June 13-19, and Allison one of four juniors who attended Girls State at Mount Holyoke college in South Hadley on June 14-19. The programs are designed to provide an intensive study of local and state government for selected participants from throughout the state.

Congratulations to **Morgan Schick**, who made High Honors for the third trimester of eighth grade at Berkshire Country Day School. Morgan also made Honors for the year.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Kyle Wing**, who celebrates his 84th on July 1, to **Alex Tillet** and **Harold Green** on July 15, to **Mitchell Moulton** on July 17, to **Leonard Weber** on July 18, to **Richard Sheridan** and **Oona Sellew** on July 23, to **Thomas Jefferson Lipsky** on July 24, and to **Charles McTavish** on July 28.

Happy Anniversary wishes (belatedly) to **Terry and Joan Wing** of Elephant Rock Road, who celebrated their 35th on June 29. And, special wishes to **Phebe and Kyle Wing**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 23. Now living at Kimball Farms in Lenox, Phebe and Kyle use the family cottage on Elephant Rock Road for frequent outings.

It's great to share your travels, accomplishments, birthdays, etc. with you. Any tidbits you'd like to share? Please jot down any news items and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Your contributions are appreciated! And remember, photos may be included and will be returned to you!

— Stephanie Grotz

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 7 — Prayer Breakfast. 7:00 a.m. at the home of Alice and Arthur Somers.

Wednesday, July 8 — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Friday, July 10 — Monterey Historical Society meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the General Knox Museum at the library.

Saturday, July 11 — *Monterey in Photographs* exhibit open in the General Knox Museum at the library. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 — Nicky Hearon, storyteller. 10:00 a.m. at the Monterey Library.

Saturday, July 11 — Canoe Flotilla on Lake Garfield. 10:00 a.m. at the Monterey Town Beach.

Saturday, July 11 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Sunday, July 12 — Raindate for the Canoe Flotilla.

Wednesday, July 15 — Monterey Round Table meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Hayloft Gallery.

Thursday, July 16 — Friends of Silence, prayer meeting. 7:30 a.m. at the home of Alice and Arthur Somers.

Saturday, July 18 — Film festival of children's literature classics. 10:00 a.m. at the Monterey Library.

Saturday, July 18 — Monterey Preservation Land Trust annual meeting and picnic. 11:00 a.m. in Bidwell Park.

Tuesday, July 21 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Saturday, July 25 — Lake Garfield Association meeting. 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse.

Saturday, July 25 — Monterey Fire Company Annual Steak Roast. 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the fire company pavilion.

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